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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Letter of Suspension***

*At the outset*, it is noted that on June 10, 2005, prosecution in this application, i.e., 10/705,666, was suspended for a period of six (6) months, per the reasons set forth below. That period for suspension has now expired.

Since neither of the divisional reissue applications, i.e., 11/096,232 and 11/096,233, claiming priority to this application, i.e., 10/705,666, have been deemed allowable, further examination of this (first) reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, has been suspended for another period of SIX (6) months.

*As previously stated*, since this reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, contains only original unamended claims, i.e., claim 1-17, and since the Office will not grant a reissue patent which does not correct any error in the original patent, further examination of this (first) reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, has been suspended for another period of SIX (6) months. It is noted that the divisional reissue applications will continue to be examined in the normal way and will not be suspended.

Once a divisional reissue application, i.e., 11/096,232 and/or 11/096,233, containing the added claims is examined and becomes allowable, the examiner will issue a requirement under 37 CFR 1.177(c) for applicant to merge the claims of the suspended first reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, with the allowable claims of the divisional reissue application into a single application, by placing all of the claims in one of the applications and expressly abandoning the other.

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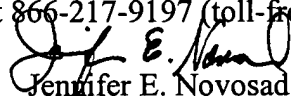
If the divisional reissue application becomes abandoned, prosecution will be reopened in the suspended first reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666, and a rejection based on a lack of error under 35 U.S.C. 251 will then be made in the first reissue application, i.e., 10/705,666. Since no error in the original patent is being corrected in the first reissue application, no reissue patent will issue.

As with all suspensions, it is applicant's responsibility to call to the attention of the Office and the examiner that the suspension period is drawing to an end.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Novosad whose telephone number is 571-272-6832. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard E. Chilcot can be reached on 571-272-6777. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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